THE GOODFELLOW DREAM

NAMES PROMINENT MAN AS "BRAINS" OF HUGE ROBBERY

Latest Arrest in \$3,500,000 Virginia Bridge and Iron Co. Mail Train Holdup Admits Part and Implicates Seven, Including Woman.

Ballentine's confession, according to Chief of Detectives Michael Hughes, named a prominent business man of Des Molnes, Ia., as the "brains" of the robber gang. This man, Ballentine is alleged to have said, took no part in the actual hold-

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A woman, the sweetheart of one of the bandits, Ballentine is reported to have said, sat in the robber's automobile while he and the seven others were tossing the mail sacks containing the loot in the machine. The plunder, Ballentine said, consisted of \$900,000 in currency and government bonds. Ballentine had two of the bonds in his possession when captured, according to Chief Hughes.

Three railroad employes who are alleged to have supplied the robbers with information indicating the man sacks that contained the bonds and currency were implicated by Ballentine, the police declared.

Ballentine declared the Grubbs girl was not involved in the robbery, but said he met her at Indianapolis after he had fled from the scene of the robbery.

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INCENDIARY GANG CAUSES 31ST FIRE IN PENNSYLVANIA

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 15.—Fire rary today destroyed the plant of the Fairchance Lumber company, at Fairchance, six miles from here, with an estimated loss of \$50,000. State police patrolling the district believe it is another act at the gang of incendiaries who have been operating in Fayette county for the past few months.

menths.
State police, who were hurried to the scene, said the fire was cleverly manned. It started a short time after the night watchman had left his post for home, and when a high his post for home, and when a high wind was blowing over the mountain crest. The fire started in the plan-ing mil, where, according to the au-thorities, there was not an electric wire or a fire of any kind.

Today's fire is the 31st in the coke

region in the past few months, a number being school houses. A man now under arrest has confessed to starting three of them and state police are searching for his accomplices. The man, in his confes-sion, said he was a member of an alleged arson ring, with headquar-ters in Przemysl, Hungary. Declarthat the ring had agents throughout the United States whose duty it was to destroy the existing order so that a new world "free from disease and all other ills of mankind might be formed."

Monday of this week armed men

were sent to guard the home of Mrs. Mary Miller, aged mother of the district attorney of Fayette county. She

failed to vacate it.

Yesterday state police were put on duty at a theater here where the annual institute of Fayette county teachers opened. They will remain there until the close of the season. Saturday. Rumors were prevalent that the teachers had received threats. The institute has 625 mem-

Property loss to date aggregate about half a million dollars.

OPERATION MAY SAVE WOULD-BE SUICIDE'S LIFE

A. D. Kelly, Clarksdale, Miss., en gineer for the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad for 20 years, may be saved from suicide by a delicate operation performed at Presbyterian hospital late Tuesday.

had quarreled with his family Tuesday morning. He went to the front porch of his home and within a few seconds his wife, who now sits at Kelly's bedside at the hospital, heard

Running to the porch, Mrs. Kelly found her husband with a bullet wound in his head. Physicians say the bullet cut a long furrow in the skull and penetrated the bone Kelly's physician at Clarksdale ordered him brought to Memphis. The operation was performed short-ly after his arrival. Physicians there said that in the event Kelly recov-ered from the wound without as

operation, it was probable he would suffer paralysis of the brain. Warning To Small

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 15.

Gulf Craft Issued Advisory small craft warnings for the Texas coast from Sabine to Vel-asco were issued by Dr. I. M. Cline, district forecaster for the local weather bureau here easily today, Fresh northwest winds subsiding by Thursday morning were predicted.

SEVEN BARGES OF STEEL DUE HERE FOR LOCAL MILL

Price Three Cents

Will Fabricate 5,000-Ton Order for 27-Story Building in Dallas.

ROBBERS KEEP UP CAREER OF CRIME

streets within 24 hours have been reported to police by the victims. Dan McHugh, 1466 Walker avenue, was halted, ordered to put up

his hands, and then robbed of a small amount or currency Tuesday night. The holdup occurred on Rayburn avenue in the rallroad subway. Police are looking for two negroes.

Two blacks held up Sam Reuben, storekeeper at 899 South Fourth street, at 6:45 Tuesday evening in his store. One negro held a pistel at Reuben's head while the other went through his pockets, taking a \$300 bankroll. "The overall highwaymen," so-

called because they work in overalls, held up Albert Marbie, negro, 416 Long street, Tuesday evening, re-lieving him of \$27. Ada Moore, 1129 South Fourth

street, was slugged when she answered her doorbell Tuesday night. When she opened the door a negro began awking her questions. Sud-denly he struck her with his fist. He

took \$5 from her. Two negroes who held up Albert Pritchard, 405 Walker avenue, Tuesday evening, were frightened away by pedestrians before they could rob him.

Seven holdups were reported to police Monday night, and ward men on duty at night have been ordered had received a written threat that to redouble their efforts to apprehend her home would be destroyed if she the highwaymen. No one has been arrested.

FINAL ESTIMATES CHIEF FARM CROPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Pinal estimates of crop production and value for this year have been announced by the

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Miller Rose St.	Bushels.	Value.
Corn	.3,232,367,000	\$2,189,721,00
Winter wheat	580,513,000	866,741,00
Spring wheat	209,365,000	
Oats	.1,524,055,000	719,782,00
Barley	. 202,024,000	142,931,00
Rye	. 69.318,000	88,609(00
Buckwheat		
Flaxseed	. 10,990,000	19,413,00
Rice	-53.710.000	63,837,00

The value of the country's important farm crops this year is \$9,148,519,900, compared with \$14.087,985,000, their value last year, the department of agriculture has announced. These values, based on prices paid to farmers on Dec. 1, represent about 90 per cent of the value of all farm crops.

LIQUOR WORTH \$1,000 CAPTURED

According to the version of the Red liquor, valued at more than a ffair given out at Clarksdale, Kelly night by police when Mike Baldridge, 19, 332 East Butler avenue, was arrested and charged with violating the liquor law. The liquor was found in several leather grips. The grips had arrived on a southbound Illinois Central train, and police say Baldridge was about to claim owner-ship of them. Baldridge refutes this

Carpentier's Own Story In Thursday News Scimitar

Georges Carpentier, French heavyweight, tells his own story in Thursday's News Scimitar of how he intends beating Jack how he intends beating Jack Dempsey when they meet next summer for the heavyweight championship of the world. Dempsey and Carpentier met in this country recently, and the Frenchman tells of his impressions of the man who he will soon meet in an international battle. WATCH FOR THURSDAY'S NEWS SCIMITAR.

(By International News Service.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Edward Ballentine was arrested here today and confessed, the police declare, that he and seven other men committed the spectacular \$2,500,000 mail train robbery on the Burlington railroad between Omaha and Council Birffs three weeks before Thanksgiving.

Miss Hazel Grubb, of Indianapolis, who was with Ballentine at the time of his arrest, also is held by the police.

Seven barge loads of structural steel are due to arrive here from Pittsburgh the latter part of this week for the Virginia Bridge and reshipped to Dallas, Texas. This 2,-000-ton consignment is but a part of the 5,000-ton contract that the iron company is working up for the 27-story office building being erected in Dallas by the Magnolia Petroleum company, which will probably be the company, which will probably be the largest office building in the South. Other shipments by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers will follow. So far only about 150 tons of steel have

been received on the order.

This came by rail, but on account of the car shortage at the time, which

FUKGUI IEN CHILD

Empty Stocking, Shattered Faith to Bring Sadness This Christmas in Many Memphis Homes.

Dear Goodfellows-I am a widow, unable to get steady work because of ill health. I have one little girl, 11 years old. In years past she has known Christmas as other children do. This year I fear she will be missed unless you can remember her. If she misses Christmas my heart and hers will be broken. MRS. SADIE W.

BY A GOODFELLOW. Quite the saddest thing imaginble at any time, but especially Christmas, Goodfellows, is the forgotten child. The place where the forgoiten child lives is a blace of

Fancy if you can, Christmas eve in the home and neighborhood of the ston, took detectives to several stores forgotten child. Dim street lights, placed at occasional intervals, only add to the miserable surroundings where reside the poor, the flotsam and riff-raff of humanity. Picture if you can the forgotten child, perchance a little girl 11 years of age, as she wanders Christmas eve home-

ward through these streets, She has spent the afternoon and evening, very likely gazing longing-ly into shop windows at the wonder-ful maze of toys, at the presents which she hopes for, but realizes are not for her. Too, she has seen Santa Claus But the forgotten child Claum But the forgotten child knows that Old Saint Nick is a busy man. He is not to visit her chim-

flowers painted on them, dresses and a silent member of the "dandy" the whatnot of Yuletide gifts, the forgotten child has seen them all. Visions run through her mind, Maybe Santa might bring her just one placed against her pending investi-

of these things.

A mother kisses her as she comes To bed, a wan little girl, await-hopes that the ragged stocking she has hung to the mantleplece will not go missed.

But as the morning light streams into the face of the formotten child and she slowly opens her eyes, there is not treasure trove to greet her expectancy. Only an empty_stocking and a cold, barren room.

Into her face come the pitiful light of a shattered faith as she

clasps that empty stocking, her body shaking with convulsive sobs. How many in Memphis will be forgotten children this Christmas? I can tell you, Hundreds and hundreds if you miss this appeal. There is one way in which to eliminate the forgotten child. Enlist with the Goodfellows-Santa Chais club. Send that check now.

"Although Christmas is not my holiday, I believe in helping to foster a better outlook for the needy for the coming year, Inclosed find \$5 for the Goodfellows' fund. "CHING'S FRIEND."



to Allied Council. COPS CAPTURE PANE SMASHER;

Police believe they have in custody the worst member of a gang that before the end of the present of window smashers who have been meeting the whole question would be working nightly in Memphis for

J. P. Hopkins, negro, confessed to detectives Tuesday night that he is a member of a gang of blacks who have been robbing uptown store show windows, Hopkins was arrested

on a minor charge.

The negro, following his confes-

ARREST. WOMAN FOR FRIENDSHIP FOR BANDIT TRIO

man. He is not to visit her chimney that night.

Beautiful doilles with eyes that open and shut, with golden hair, pretty little dishes with beautiful dit" trio, and believed to have been gang, is under arrest in Memphis. A technical charge of vagrancy was gation.

The woman was arrested here Tuesday by Detective Inspector Griffin and Capt, Hoyle,

She came to Memphis to attend the trial of Edward B. Kelly, Alda F. Shaw and Shaw's pretty wife, she told the detectives, and learning that it had been postpened and was to be held at Covington, she was about to leave the city.

Detectives are reticent on the sub-

ject, but state that the woman knew every activity of the gang before they came to Memphis, and during their career.

They are investigating her movements in an effort to learn whether she knew of the plot which resulted

in the escape of the trio and the murder of Jailer George T. Reeves. The killing of Hamilton, leader of the gang, at Winona, Miss., follow-ed the escape. Marie Burk is said by police to have been a close friend of the Shaw woman, who is charged with taking two pistols to the county jail and to have arranged the details of the

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Delegates to Debate Question Following Stormy Committee Sessions-May Go Back

(By the Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Dec. 15 .- Discussion of the question of mandates on the floor of the assembly of the league of nations seemed today to be probable and it was expected there would be an animated debate before the subejet was disposed of. When actual debate might begin was not indicated, but statements of delegates to the assembly reflected the view fully considered.

A subcommittee, which has been considering the question of mandates, seld stormy sessions yesterday and held stormy sessions yesterday and Monday. Some of the members, including C. J. Doherty, of Canada, and Dr. Nansen, of Norway, pushing for action, while others appeared indifferent. It appears that the council of the league has encountered difficulties in securing satisfactory reculties in securing satisfactory re-plies from the supreme allied counplies from the supreme allied coun-cil and from the mandatory powers concerning the terms of mandates and the boundaries of territories placed under the supervision of va-rious nations. In addition the coun-cil of the league is said to have de-layed the giving of information re-quested in relation to other matters.

Need Information.

There is a strong current of opinion in the assembly that the man-dates under which the powers fix their own terms are not properly their own terms are not properly mandates, and there are indications the question may be thrown back upon the supreme allied council, if sufficient information has not been secured before Thursday night. The committee in charge of the matter holds that it must have this information before it can make an intelligent report.
The assembly which has been dis-

posing of only one subject a day since Monday, tried today to make better progress. On the program was the task of electing new members to the task of electing new members to the league, the choosing of four new elective members of the council, and the disposing of questions regarding the "white slave" traffic and the optum trade, which was left over from yesterday's session.

It appeared that Austria would probably be admitted to the league without opposition, and that Bulgaria would also be accorded membership.

would also be accorded membership, a her case, however, France, it was said, would probably refuse to vote It seemed probable that Brazil would again be given a place on the council, and that a similar honor would be given Spain. China had many supporters as a successor to Greece. and it appeared Norway would re-place Belgium. There were many delegates, however, who are expected to support Belgium when election took place.

WILLARD RE-ELECTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Daniel Willard was re-elected president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company at the annual meeting of the board of directors here yesterday.

FAIR SEX PLAYS IN GENEVA MEET

As Sub-Delegates, Secretaries and Stenos, Women Lend Color to Conferences of World League.

(By International News Service.)
GENEVA, Dec. 15.—Feminism has made heavy inroads into the league of nations despite that many of the nation members have not approved

suffrage.
In the center of the assembly hall on the bench of the Swedish delega-tion sits Mrs. Bugge-Wicksell, sub-stitute delegate. Although not called stitute delegate. Although not called chard in house committee upon to address a plenary session of the assembly, she works as hard as any of the male delegates, taking notes and following the proceedings notes and following the proceedings free from British influence that the ship sits a pretty young girl, her secre-The Norwegian delegation has an-

other woman substitute.
On the French bench, beside M. On the French bench, beside M. Hanotaux, sits a young woman secretary. She makes copious notes and engages in long whispered conversations with M. Hanotaux, M. Bourgelous and M. Viviani.

The corridors of the league of nations headquarters and the Hotel des Delegations, where each nation has an office, are full of women stenographers and clerks. They are mostly French and English with a few scattered Belgians and Swiss. All of them speak both French and English. At the headquarters of the interestional labor bureau, women outnumber men. Most of the girls seem to be having the time of their lives in Geneva. Their only complaint is that at dances given by the league secretariat there are not nearly enough men to go around.

MILLON-DOLLAR

In this country, the made a member of the advisory body. It had not know how by got on that board—it all happened by ween noon and half past three of clock cre afternoon—but I can tell you how the got off," Mr. Denman declared.

"I learned that three or four members of the British mission had altended the session at which the selection was made. Afterward the shipping board had a warm session. It lasted 20 minutes, and all that had been transacted at the previous session was wiped out.

"We wanted British to operation, but we did not want Great Britain to influence our board until we had gotten things under way. We were still in the air as to what we wanted to do and the policy of the British in this connection seemed very extraordinary to me."

out in the plant of the Helmbacher saving it. Total loss, it was said, ex-pected to exceed \$1,000,000.

A strong wind carried sparks to a venting spread of the fire there.

The Helmbacher company is a branch of the American Car and Foundry company. Origin of the blaze has not been determined. Traffic on trunk lines, which cross the Mississippi river for the north and east at Madison, was stopped.

Residents were removing their tearing the fire would develop into general conflagration.
At noon the fire was unchecked and the local fire department was augmented by departments from Granite City and Venice. Several hundred volunteers assisted the fire-men turned their attention to homes four blocks from the rolling mill in an effort to check the apreading

Here's "Carmen" Cast For Wednesday Night

The cast announced for "Carmen" Wednesday night at the Lyric by the Creatore company is: Don Jose, corporal of dragoons. . Salvatore Sciarretti

Morales, an officer.....Nino Ruisi Vito Moscato

Carmen Henriette Wakefield Micaela, a village maiden Henriette Frasquite, companion of Carmen. Mercedes, companion of Carmen. Sybil Conklin
El Doncario, smuggler
Fernando Ambrosi
El Remedado, smuggler
Gluseppi Martelotti

Where's My Hat? Pleads Woman Who Knows Nearly All

Although she may give good advice to the lovelorn, Mrs. Eliza-beth Thompson Wednesday was asking a question that none of her friends on The News Scimitar staff could answer. The question as: Where is my hat?
Alexander having left Memphis

no reporter could solve the prob-lem. In consequence police were asked to trace the missing chapeau. It all happened this

Mrs. Thompson was driving by Forrest park Monday when a cruel blast of wind swept her hat from her head. The time was about dusk and though the love secress and a friend who accom-panied her made diligent search no trace of the hat could be

The missing hat is a black velour and valuable, so Mrs. Thompson says, and she asks any of her questioners who live near or passed through Forrest park recently to be on the lockout for

SAYS BRITISHERS SHIPPING POLICY

First Chairman of Federal Board Testifies Resignation Due Chiefly to Fight Against English Influence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Members of the British mission which visited the United States in 1917 attempted to influence the policies of the shipping board, William Denman, of San Francisco, first chairman of the board, testified today before the special house committee investigating

Mr. Denman indicated that life in sistence that the shipping board be free from British influence "had more to do with his resignation as chair-man of the board than any other one

thing."
In this connection, the witness said that if he could obtain the permission of President Wilson for the disclosure of "certain phases" of ship-ping board negotiations "one of the

Bourgeious and M. Viviani.

Like Rue de la Paix.

Behind the rostrum occupied by President Paul Hymans are six girls — stenographers and secretacies.

Their dresses lend about the only color to the daily meetings and two of them wear skirts short enough for the Rue de la Paix.

Along the sides of the hall are perhaps 40 more women stenographers.

The corridors of the league of nations headquarters and the Hotel des

STORM CAUSES BIG LOSS ON LAKE SHORE

Summer Resorts Near Chicago Hardest Hit.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Reports of Forge and Rolling Mill company at damage from Chicago and Lake Madison, Ill., near here, today and Michigan points today indicate that firemen virtually have despaired of the loss from the sterm which swept over this section Monday night and yesterday may run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Wind, which A strong wind carried sparks to a at times attained a velocity of 74 dwelling section and fire-fighters miles an hour, did the greatest damturned their major efforts to pre- age. Summer resorts along the eastern short of Lake Michigan suffered

NEAR DEATH

severely.



JAMES M'NEILL.

James McNeill, police motorcycle officer, was thrown from his machine and probably fataffy injured at 6:15 o'clock Tuesday evening when an automobile, said to have been approaching from behind, struck his machine, hurling him to payement. His skull was frac-

Little hope was held for his re-covery at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday. Physicians performed an trepanning operation in an effort to save McNeil's life.

The accident occurred on Seventh street, near Looney. Lewis Dewbre, 19, who was driving the auto was arrested by Motorcycle Officer Charles Brunner, Jr., who was rid-ing with McNeil. A charge of reck-less driving was placed against Dewbre. He was released on bond of \$250.

The police version is that McNei had halted his machine in a dark spot on Seventh street. Suddenly a speeder flashed by and McNeil and his riding partner started in pur-Before McNell's machine was well under way, police claim, Dewbre's car struck him. He was

unconscious when picked up.
Dewbre's statement conflicts with the police report. He is quoted as having told officers McNell was traveling north, while he was driving south, and that McNell drove out from the shadows on Seventh street and that he could not avoid

the accident. McNeil had been on the police force for three months. He took the post held by Frank Vaughn, now emergency car driver. Reports from the hospital said McNeil regained consciousness at times.

MORE MUSIC NEED OF WHOLE WORLD. SINGER ASSERTS

Signor Sciaretti, Noted Tenor Who Sings Part of Don Jose Wednesday Night, Advances Unique Views.

BY JAMES GABELLE. "I have a theory that wars will be o more and the traditional period of

no more and the traditional period of the iion and the lamb lying down together—without the lamb being in-side the iion—will be ushered in when music is as much a part of our daily life as our clothing and food—which it should be. Then, in-deed, will light and beauty be ev-

The speaker was Salvatore Sciurretti, the Don Jose of "Carmen"
which will be produced Wednesday
night. Besides being a singer, Signor Sciarretti is also a man of affairs, a wide reader and a keen observer of current events. He predicts that the changes which have
taken place in the last few years
are merely the prelude to more and
greater changes in the near future.
"It is not alone music that is
changing," he declared, "though that
is, a transformation, too. A certair dass of composers who have
desparred of gaining recognition by
legitimate means are turning to the
bizarre, fantastic and grotesque te
gain a hearing and a little brief
notoriety. Of course they are not
the only ones," Signor Sciarrett
added hastily, "There are artists

the only ones." Signor Sciarretti added hastily. "There are artists that are turping out work that would shame a school child. They classify it with pretentious names; hold formidable exhibitions and band themselves together in guilds like the ass they clothe themselves in a lion's skin and then call out to the world, "Behold how great I am." Dislikes Schoenberg.

Arneld Schoenberg is my spet aversion, combined the signor. "He is a man with skill. However, as could not secure a hearing as a com-could not secure a hearing as a composer along conventional lines, he adopts the most bizarre extres and is proclaimed the prophet of a new cult. Which is just as narrow, bigoted and intolerant as all new cults usually are. It is claimed that Schoenberg is a wonderful tone orist. Just as well say that a who whitewashes a barn is an

who whitewashes a barn is an inspirational artist,

"At present there is too great a divorce between music and public life. It is looked upon as a luxury for occasions instead of a necessity of our existence brightened and beautifying our lives. I have appears contended that when people know and love music and art that their lives will be lifted un beyond the petty things of life, and, as a result, we'll have less crime, less squalor and its attendant evils. Music is the panacea of much of our present distress."

Avoids Colds.

his performances.

Signor Sciarretti is a very stenious liver. He drinks and cats stenious liver. He drinks and eats very little; especially on the day he is to sing. He sleeps until 2 p.m. the day he is to make his appearance and then has a very light collation until after the performance, after which he dines lightly and retires. He has a preparation, recommended by his physician, with which he sprays his throat repeatedly during the performance so as to ly during the performance so as to preserve the evenuess of his tones. This preparation, by the way, is the same that Caruso uses while giving

"Our voices must be handled like bables," the signor said with a wry grimace and a clutch at his throat,
"We must be so very particular and
yet we must not be too careful and
so weaken the chords. I know one tenor that never went out unless heavily wrapped and his throat fair-iv swathed. Once, in spite of his care, he caught a severe cold. His chords had been cosseted so much that they could not sand the strain and he lost his voice. A singer's tragedy. I seep a golden mean, the result is that I have taken cold, and, although it has not been pleasant. tenor that never went out unless although it has not been pleasant still I emerged with my voice as good as before. Yes, a singer's life is not a bed of roses."

Chorus Girl Loses Season's Savings After Taking Bath

Anita Trevor, member of the company, lost her season's savings Tuesday, amounting to \$430, and was prostrated she was unable to sing

Tuesday night.

Miss Trevor carried the money around in her bosom. Tuesday she bathed at the hotel where she was staying. She laid the purse slown while bathing, forgetting to take it up again upon leaving the bathroom. When she discovered her loss she hastened to the bathroom but the money was gone. The hotel authorities were notified but search proved upoyalling.

unavailing. Miss Trevor is a native of Dalma-tia and had planned to send money me for Christmas to relatives who have suffered greatly in the late war.



MEMPHIS METEOROLOGY.

Twenty-four hours to noon, 1920: Hour. Dry bulb. Wet bulb. Hum'y, p.m. yes'day 52 43 43 a.m. today, 41 Noon today Maximum Minimum Sun sets today 4:50 p.m. Rises to-norrow 7:01 a.m. Moon rises 9:46

p.m. tonight. Precipitation hone

Tennessee-Fair; colder. Mississippi-Fair; colder, Arkansas-Fair; colder. Alabama-Fair; colder. Kentucky-Fair. Louisiana-Fair; colder. Oklahoma-Fair; colder.

North and South Carolina, Georgia nd Florida-Fair

East and West Texas-Fax